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A WEDDING FEAST WITHOUT THE FAIR BRIDE

She Demonstrated a Woman's Perogative and Balked at the Last Moment

A Romance Pleasingly Narrated by Frank H. Brooks of the Early Days of Rushville

The figures 23 at the present time indicate to "vamoses" or "skiddoo," and although they were not used at that time in the sense now accepted, yet Mr. Brooks devotes this pleasing chapter, whether intentionally or by chance, to a subject that fits admirably the present use of 23—for the bride-to-be "skiddooed" or in other words was not present when she was most needed and thereby makes possible the recounting of an early day Buchanan county romance with the picturesque old town of Rushville as the stage and some people or their descendants who still reside in that vicinity as the star actors.

This story, like all others of Mr. Brooks, is charmingly told and is of deep interest. It gives a side light on early methods in vogue in this county and for that matter all over this part of the West. But let Mr. Brooks tell the story—as you are eager to read it as you were all of his previous stories—and here it is reproduced from the current issue of the Cass County Democrat:

It Was At Old Rushville

"Next to a funeral minus the corpse, I know of nothing more out of the way than a wedding feast without a bride. I saw the latter. The scene was the farmhouse of Major Bowen, near Rushville, Buchanan county, Missouri, and Rushville is on the Kansas City, Council Bluffs & St. Joseph Railroad. A more ragged looking town than Rushville in the '60's, I never saw.

"One of the schoolmasters of St. Joseph, in the days after the teachers of whom I have told you in previous 'Bygones,' was Alf. Bowen—that is the way he signed his name. He was one of the poets of St. Joseph who rhymed every Sunday in The Herald when Charles B. Wilkinson was the first live editor of the town. Bowen was the assistant of Charles Raffington, who called his educational plant, The St. Joseph Classical Institute, near the home of General James Craig. I disress: Raffington's matter was education. He selected the piece which a student was to declaim, and then spoke it himself as a guide to the boy assigned to do the job. One day, while rehearsing 'Sparticus to the Roman Envoys,' Raffington became so overwrought that his store teeth broke loose from their anchorage and fell to the floor. The boy who was to follow, told Raffington that he couldn't speak the piece as Raffington spoke it, because his teeth were not loose. The funny thing about the remark was that the boy didn't mean to be funny. I regret that the name of the boy is not in my collection.

Alf. Bowen Was In Love

"Now, for the story of the wedding feast: Like most poets, Alf. Bowen was in love. The object of his devotion lived near the Bowen plantation. Of course, she was beautiful and adorable. Bowen used to read to me his effusions to this 'most beautiful of evanescent creatures,' as he described her. One night he told me he was to marry the girl. And he made me promise to be 'best man'—my first job in this line. It occurs to me that it was my last.

"Like all St. Joseph boys, I had a sweetheart. This one was the confidante of Bowen's fiancée, and she was to be bridesmaid to the Rushville girl who was booked to become Mrs. Bowen. The wedding was set for the forenoon, and the breakfast and 'in-fair' were to be at the Bowen house, I do not know why. An 'in-fair' to a wedding was peculiar to the South. I have lived among Yankees for 40 years, and more, but I never heard of an 'in-fair' in the North.

stamp. If Bowen's brother missed one of them, it was an accident. Alf. Bowen met us twain at the big gate, and Major and Lady Bowen received us under the lintel, according to the rules of hospitality which governed the South.

Then Alf. Explained

"I was at once directed to the room assigned to me. Alf. told me to make my change, and while so engaged, he made mint juleps from 'licker' made in Major Bowen's still, near-by.

"When the big clock in the hall struck the hour, Alf. Bowen took my arm and we went to the great dining room. I have never yet been able, in relating this incident to friends, to describe the 'layout' of the feast on the table before me, as it looked when I entered the room. The atmosphere was redolent with the fragrance of the flower garden of Lady Bowen: Enter the 'bridesmaid,' between Major and Lady Bowen. Other guests followed. Every chair, save one, was immediately occupied. The exception was turned up. Alf. Bowen explained, I cannot be expected to reproduce his remarks. His brief was that the night before, Alf. Bowen was informed that his fiancée, acting in the prerogative of her sex, had changed her mind and married 'the other fellow.' She sent her regrets to the guests. She hoped that her act would not mar the pleasure of those present. She asked that they drink to her health, as she intended to drink to theirs. A great bouquet was sent to her 'bridesmaid.'

Then the Festivities

"The breakfast followed; then a dance on the lawn, with music by the dardies of the Bowen plantation. On the surface, the occasion was as merry as it would have been, had the original programme been carried out. "That night, after the guests had departed, save the 'bridesmaid' and the 'best man,' Major Bowen had family prayers. The morning after, an inspection of Major Bowen's distillery was made by the men folks. That is another story—for home consumption.

"I never saw Alf. Bowen after he accompanied us to the train for our return. He wrote one letter, saying he was through with poetry and was running his still. So far as I know, that was Rushville's first and only romance.

"Next week, the hitherto unwritten romance of the escape from Fort Smith, St. Joseph, of Captain Reuben Kay, Confederate, and how it is supposed to have been brought about by his cousin, Miss Anna Kay, one of the splendid characters of her town.

FRANK H. BROOKS."

WILL CHANGE AVOCATION

Wiley O. Cox, Jr., Leaves the Revenue Service to Become a Part of the Sheridan-Clayton Paper Co.

Wiley O. Cox, Jr., who for nearly three years has been a loyal, efficient and faithful servant of Uncle Sam in the federal revenue service, has resigned to assume a more lucrative and responsible avocation, having become a part of the well known Sheridan-Clayton Paper Co., where he will in the future devote his energies. During his incumbency as one of Uncle Sam's men he has been deputy collector in charge of the third division of the Sixth district of Missouri under the control of Hon. Ed. M. Harber of Kansas City. His territory comprised the active work in twenty-seven counties situated in the north-west part of the state with his headquarters in the federal building here.

Mr. Cox has been one of the most active and efficient men in Col. Harber's district and his work has always been up to the high standard required in that important branch of the federal service. He has made a reputation for efficiency of which his superior is decidedly proud, and he leaves the service much to the regret of his chief. His new occupation, however, will give him more latitude and he will be a most welcome addition to the personnel of that popular wholesale concern.

LAYS IT TO CLERGY

Rutherford Says That They as a Class Are Responsible for the Great Slaughter.

J. F. Rutherford of New York, who lectured to 1500 people at the Lyceum Sunday afternoon, and who is president of the International Bible Students' Association, is authority for the statement that it is the clergy as a class who are responsible for the great world slaughter now going on. In his address he made the charge as follows:

"The clergy as a class are the ones directly or indirectly responsible for the great world war.

"The Lord commissioned the clergy-men to preach the gospel of His kindness, and, contrary to their divine commission, the clergy as a class (with few exceptions) have convinced the kings and rulers of the earth that these earthly governments and kingdoms constitute God's kingdom of peace, holiness, justice, love, and truth, and that the earthly kings are ruling by divine right as God's representatives. Instead of preaching the Lord Jesus and His kingdom, they have encouraged the nations in selfishness and urged them on to war. For this cause the blood of all the nations of the earth is upon their heads and God will require it at their hand. Within an incredibly short time from now and onward, it will be as unsafe for a man to tell the people of the falsehoods that have led them into the fold of Babylon as it will be to a czar or emperor.

"The present war will end within less than a year, but the armies will not be disbanded. The Bible clearly teaches that thereafter revolution will follow. Increased shortage of food, high cost of living, burden of taxation followed by famine, pestilence, and a spirit of discontent among the people of the earth will bring a condition of revolution and anarchy such as was never known. The Lord declares such is necessary to prepare the way for the establishment of the kingdom of everlasting peace upon the earth."

WHAT IS A FORD?

What Is the Critter That Can Cause All Sorts of Sensations and Obituaries?

Possibly you may own and operate a Ford—and still not know what it is—and again you may not own a Ford and not know what it is—but here is what a Ford is:

It is a large iron and rubber contrivance for transforming gasoline into speed, luxury, excitement and obituaries. It consists of a handsome leather upholstered carriage body mounted on flat tired wheels and containing a gizmo full of machinery suffering from various ailments. It has run over 100 miles and ten thousand people. It can transport seven people from the front porch to the police station, the bankruptcy court or the golden gates in less time than any other known method.

THIS WILL TELL

How to Distinguish by the Hat Cord What Branch a Soldier Belongs to.

With so many soldiers in St. Joseph now-a-days, the civilian is often at a loss to tell what branch of the service they belong to, so here is a way of telling by the color of the hat cords. The various branches are:

Infantry, light blue.
Cavalry, yellow.
Artillery, scarlet.
Engineering corps, scarlet intertwined with white.
Signal corps, orange intertwined with white.
Medical corps, maroon.
Quartermaster corps, buff.
Ordnance department, black intertwined with scarlet.
Adjutant general's, inspector general's and judge advocate general's departments, dark blue.

GOV. DOCKERY OLDEST GRAND LODGE MEMBER

Gov. Dockery came home from Washington, Sunday morning, to spend a few days looking after business matters and attend Masonic Grand Lodge, at St. Louis. He was a member of the first Grand Lodge of Masons held in Missouri in 1857, and is probably the only one of that memorable assembly living today, and never misses one of these state meetings if he is physically able to attend. The governor is enjoying good health again and has the old time interest in public matters. He says the nation is rousing to duty in this world crisis and patriotic Americanism is asserting itself unmistakably in support of the President.—Gallatin Democrat.

SHE FOOLED NEB

And Because He Could Not Read He Is Now a Full Fledged Soldier in the National Army.

In this day of exemption stories, the prize—the one that takes the platter and the pastry as well—comes from Palmer, Mo., from which place Neb Wilkinson was drafted into the army, but he is still wondering—but his wife is not—why the draft board of Washington county, sitting at Potosi, rejected his plea for exemption.

When he was drafted last week, he passed the physical examination, being found sound in mind and limb. Except that his heels showed fresh stone bruises, acquired from hiking over Ozark hills, he looked able to carry a rifle.

But he evidently didn't want to fight, and his eyes continually sought the far blue hills, as he told of his patch and his wife and family of seven children dependent upon him for support.

The chairman of the board told him he must have a letter from his wife stating the condition at home. The next day Neb hove in sight over the hill road bearing a missive written on wrapping paper with a lead pencil. The chairman called his colleagues about him. This is what they read:

"Dear United States Army: My husband ask me to rite you a reckmend that he supports his family. He can't read, so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me.

"He ain't done nuthin' but drink lemmin essence an' play the fiddle sense we married eight years ago, an' I gotta feed seven kids of hisen. Maybe you kin git him to carry a gun.

"He's good, on squirrels an' eatin'. Take him and welcome. I need his grub and bed for his kids.

"Don't tell him this, but take him.

"Mary Jane Wilkinson.

HOW TO GET THERE

A DeKalb County Farmer Tells the Boys How to Find His Water Melon Patch.

There are good-natured and generous men—and again there are men who are more than generous, and in this latter list must be placed a DeKalb county farmer, John H. Weems, who lives near Clarkdale, twenty miles east of this city, and who makes this generous statement in the Clarkdale Journal. No doubt a number of St. Joseph young men will accept it. Here it is:

"Go one-half mile north of the Dean school house to corner of pasture on north side of road, there you will find a field of melons near a gap in the fence. Crawl under the fence and go north to the big hedge fence, look for a good easy place to get through so that if you should get in a hurry to get out you will know just where to hit the place; then go west on north side of said hedge to the cane patch, then turn north a short distance and you will come to a small ravine filled with hedge brush, so down this ravine till you come to a tree; now you are at the end of the melon patch. Here I would advise you to stop and rest for it is here I rested when I planted the melons. Now when rested and ready for quick action, look for a place to cross so that when you are in the patch and hear the shriek of a German shell as it comes down the ravine you will not be impeded in your flight.

"These directions will hold good for the year 1918.

John H. Weems."

THOSE PATRIOTIC THIEVES

Flag Manufacturers Who Hold Up People Who Want to Show Their Patriotism.

Information comes from Washington that twenty leading flag makers of the country were charged by the trades commission with robbing the people who desire to be patriotic by making exorbitant profits on flags.

The complaint was the result of the commission's recent investigation into the sudden rise in flag prices after the declaration of war, made at the request of the senate. The investigation showed that in some cases 300 per cent profit was made. Hearings on the charges will be held November 5th.

The Association of Flag Manufacturers and its chairman, Harold N. Turner, were charged with acting as a clearing house for price information. Among the companies named in the complaint was the Emerson Manufacturing Company, San Francisco.

The animal pits at Krug Park are undergoing their annual remodeling.

FIVE ARE INDICTED

The Federal Grand Jury Finds True Bills Against Well Known Citizens of This Community.

The federal grand jury which put in a week of strenuous work looking into the charges of attempted fraud with the draft law, completed its work on Tuesday noon, when indictments were returned against five well known officials, business men and citizens of St. Joseph and vicinity. The four men indicted are Albert J. August, Dr. Forrest Thomas, Leslie B. Clark, Isaac Kalls and Daniel Shepherd. With the exception of Albert J. August, who is in a hospital, all of the men were arrested on capias and arraigned before Judge Van Valkenburg, where they gave bond in the sum of \$10,000 each for their appearance at the March term of court. They were all given thirty days in which to plead, and none of them entered a plea, all waiving reading of the indictment.

For the bond of Dr. Thomas, H. O. Sidenfaden, Du Val Smith, S. D. Wells, Fred D. Fenton and A. B. Jones qualified, while Carl Griswold and G. M. Thompson qualified for Clark, and David Feltenstein and Jacob Rosenthal did a like service for Kalls. James Self was the only one to sign Shepherd's bond beside the defendant.

The federal officials worked most diligently on the cases and every precaution was taken to see that there should be no mistakes or mistakes. The seriousness of the matter is shown by the fact that District Attorney Francis M. Wilson spent the entire week here that the federal grand jury worked on the matter and gave it his personal attention.

IS YOUR NAME THERE?

If So You Are One of the Descendants of Those Who Came Over in the Mayflower.

There are a number of people living in St. Joseph and vicinity who lay claim to being descendants of those who came over in the Mayflower, the little 180 ton bark which left Southampton, Eng., Sept. 6, 1620, and after a tempestuous voyage of sixty-three days landed her crew of one hundred and two people on Plymouth Rock. Here are the names of those who landed, and if your name coincides you are a lineal descendant. These are the names:

Isaac Allerton, John Allerton, John Billington, William Bradford, William Brewster, Richard Britterage, Peter Brown, John Carver, James Chilton, Richard Clarke, Francis Cook, John Crackston, Edward Dotey, Francis Eaton, Thomas English, Moses Fletcher, Edward Fuller, Samuel Fuller, Richard Gardiner, John Goodman, Stephen Hopkins, John Howland, Edward Leicester, Edward Margeson, Christopher Martin, William Mullins, Degory Priest, John Rigdale, Thomas Rogers, George Soule, Miles Standish, Edward Tilly, John Tilly, Thomas Tinker, John Turner, Richard Warren, William White, Thomas Williams, Edward Winslow and Gilbert Winslow. With these men passengers and heads of families came fifteen male servants.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Will Be Held at the Federal Building Here Oct. 20th For Revenue and Custom Office Clerks.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competition to be held at the federal building in this city on Saturday, Oct. 10th, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill 1,000 vacancies in the position of clerk, in the Internal Revenue Service throughout the country, and vacancies in first-grade, or clerical positions in the Customs Service; in the positions of deputy collector (except those appointed by the collector), clerk, storekeeper, gauger, and storekeeper-gauger in the Internal Revenue Service; and in other positions that require similar qualifications, as they may occur in the United States classified service in the city named or its vicinity.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

For application blank (Form 1371) address the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board, St. Joseph, Mo., Federal Building, or the district secretary at the Old Custom House, St. Louis, Mo.

My God! This From a Dry?

Our prohibition officers are acting very unwisely destroying the whiskey and beer they capture. It could all be redistilled and devoted to making munitions of war and other supplies.—Elmo Register.

IS NOT A DISCOVERY OF TRUTH NOT KNOWN BEFORE

On the Contrary Christian Science Is a Rediscovery of a Truth Ever New Yet Ever Old

In An Instructive Lecture Francis J. Fluno, C. S. D. Tells of the Law of Divine Principle

The commodious First Church of Christ, Scientist, at the corner of Twelfth and Felix streets was filled to overflowing Tuesday evening when Dr. Francis J. Fluno, C. S. D., of Oakland, Cal., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., arose to address the assembly. He was introduced by Clyde H. Farls, first reader, who in well chosen words welcomed the splendid audience and paid a pleasing tribute to the speaker. Dr. Fluno spoke as follows:

The claims of Christian Science on the modern age are really the claims of Christian Science on the prehistoric age, the ancient age, the medieval age, the present age, and the ages to come.

It makes no new claims on the modern world; it claims are only new to the limited sense, the finite vision, and the materially-beclouded perception.

The average man, until awakened by Truth in divine Science, is mainly in his mental swaddling clothes, whose horizon is marked by the age in which he lives.

In his life and living, sees only to the boundaries of his own few years; or, still more limited, sees the way to live, and the ways of life only in his own immediate business, church, or creed.

If anything seemingly new comes to him he is apt to deem it some insane or foolish imposture, some infringement upon the Scriptures, or some new attempt of the evil one to win him from his God.

Christian Science is not a discovery of a truth that never was known before; on the contrary, it is a rediscovery of a Truth that is ever new, and yet is ever old.

It is as new as the infant thought, and as old as the Ancient of Days. It was, before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Before Abraham was, was Christian Science; yea—

Before the infant earth was cradled in the sun.

The Science of being spoke, from her eternal throne.

"I will ever be new, 'I will ever be old; 'I will ever be telling, 'I will never be told.

The century bells are ringing it in. Eternity's bells are tolling it on.

If one shall say, My religion is the religion, because it is the oldest religion on earth, and my church is the church, because it is the first church militant, then must divine Science say, My religion is the religion, because it is religion itself; and is therefore the religion of heaven and earth; and is as old as God the Father is; and my church is the church, because it is the church triumphant, the church of the ever-living God, and co-existent man.

The Law of Divine Principle

Christian Science is the law of divine Principle; and is therefore the Science of sciences; the religion of religions; and the church of all churches.

It is not the gleanings from every other religion; it includes and comprehends the whole of being, or divine Science; hence, every other religion will be found to be gleanings from divine Science; and must eventually gravitate back to the one scientific fact, of a perfect God and a perfect creation, as the basis of every conclusion.

Since God is yesterday, today, and forever the same, unchangeable in all His ways, therefore, what primarily was true, was always true, is all that is true, or ever will be true.

Christian Science makes no unreasonable claims upon the modern world; its claims are based upon the Spirit of Love, and reflected in health, wholeness, kindness, charity, and good will to all.

It comes as it came to the shepherds of old, heralding "on earth peace, good will toward men."

It comes as it came with Jesus the Christ, not to rob or to plunder, but that they might have life, and that they might have life more abundantly. It takes nothing from the world, but gives all to the world.

In the place of war we find peace; and the finite conception of peace is raised to the dawn of that day when all shall dwell together, "one fold, and one shepherd."

Instead of quarrels and dissensions, we find friendship and kindness; and the standard of friendship and brotherly love is raised to His kingdom on earth, "as it is in heaven."

Instead of divorce and separation, we find oneness and union. Happy homes and peaceful are raised to a higher standard of union, and a more perfect bond of love; for what greater bond of union could there be than for husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, and finally all mankind, to be students of, and therefore dwellers in, the one divine Mind, the supreme and crowning Principle of being, the Spirit of Principle of Love?

The sick are raised to health, and the healthy are raised to a standard of health far beyond their present conception.

It is to walk; for they learn to walk in wisdom's way.

It Corrects the World

Christian Science not only heals mortals of sickness, but corrects the world of such things as sickness. It not only heals individuals of sin and iniquity, but it corrects the world of such things as sin and iniquity. It not only raises the dying to health and wholeness, but it tends to correct the world of such things as death; to demonstrate over death, until finally death disappears from the world, to be as though it had not been, as in fact it never was.

Christian Science takes the world where it finds it, and raises the lower to the higher; and the higher still higher.

It raises the unreliable to reliability, and the reliable and trustworthy to a state of reliance and trustworthiness that is born of Principle and permanency.

When the unsuccessful business man, on the verge of bankruptcy and failure, finds Christian Science, he finds himself unconsciously, as it were, demonstrating business and success; and when Christian Science in its purity and simplicity comes to the already well-established and successful business man, it raises him to where he sees a standard of business and success as an eternal law, that can no more fall than the eternal God can fail.

From this it follows that failure only is lost; and this is lost and swallowed up of success, as darkness is swallowed up of light; hence nothing is lost, and all is gained.

Christian Science lifts the mentally unbalanced and insane to sanity and mental balance; and the well balanced and sane it lifts to a standard of sanity and equilibrium of mind that can no more fail and be lost than God Himself could be lost; for God in Christian Science is found to be Mind; i.e., the only true Mind.

And the so-called mortal or finite mind that can be lost, is no more mind than darkness is light; and is no more a part of Mind, than darkness is a part of light, or wrong is a part of right.

Therefore Christian Science could no more cause insanity than light could create wrong, or than light could evolve darkness.

It is ignorance of the Truth of being that fills our insane asylums. As true being is more perfectly understood and demonstrated, insanity will disappear and never be heard of more.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The Christ-like understanding of being never brings harm to any, or in any way; it is the ideal or scientific religion; the only natural religion there is, or can be.

It reveals and demonstrates toward and up to the ideal man, the man that every one wishes everybody else would be.

Perfect Like the Father

As the problem in mathematics is found after the fact, so is not only perfect and correct, but is found also that it always was perfect and correct, likewise man in Christian Science is found after the solution of the problem, not to be perfect like the Father, but it is found at the same time that he always was perfect; that the errors of finite sense never were true, and that the errors and inaccuracies of the mathematical problem were true.

Man, in divine Science, is found to be the ideal man; the perfect man representing and expressing the correct and perfect Principle; he is God-like, or like God, but is not God, nor yet a part of God; for God is undivided and indivisible.

The true man of Spirit's reflection, is spiritual, but not spirit. He is soul-like, but is not soul; neither has he a soul of his own, to be lost or saved according to his own volition; he reflects or represents the divine soul or spirit that is God, that never can be lost. Hence man, the true man that Spirit evolves, always was saved and never could be lost.

The Master said to know God is life eternal. God, according to divine Science, is found to be the one reliable source for all our needs, our daily supply and present hope; and those who know Him best are growing into companionship with that divine Principle.

They find in Him the one who understands them best; the one with whom they are best acquainted; the one with whom they love to walk and talk and hold sweet converse; and this in a most friendly, natural, and unrestrained way.

There is nothing supernatural or far-fetched in the Science of our own being. On the contrary, to spiritual or scientific understanding, it is a subtly natural and beautiful fact.

It is not hypothetical or speculative; it is the religion that reveals the scientific and natural relation between God and man, between Principle and its expression, between cause and effect.

It is Scientific Religion

It is scientific religion; the scientific understanding of man and his Principle; God; which Principle itself is not assumed or hypothesized; nor yet conceded to or adopted on the basis of universal belief or acceptance; but is found to be self-existent, self-evident, and demonstrable Principle, whose evidence and proof of existence is within itself, and is found of necessity to be; which conclusion is reached by a purely scientific and logical reasoning, and is as abstract from the evidence of the senses, both in principle and expression as the ultimate.

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